(c) The Contracting Parties will promote mutual exchange of tourism information and publicity material including films and exhibition material.

(d) Publicity material shall enjoy exemption from customs and other import duties.

(b) There are proposals for signing tourism cooperation agreements with Turkey, Kyrghyzstan Austria and Turkemenistan. The signing of the agreement will depend upon the outcome of negotiations.

(c) The Civil Aviation Agreement with Germany was signed on 31.5.1963. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 10.5.1994 for increasing the operating rights of the designated carriers of both sides.

Completion of Pending Tourism Projects in Gujarat

6918. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and places of projects for promotion of tourism in Gujarat during the Seventh Five Year Plan and amount sanctioned therefor;

(b) the names of projects completed and the projects which are still pending, stating their present status; and

(c) the funds allocated on each project so far by the Central Government and by when the remaining projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Seventeen projects/schemes amounting to Rs. 237.29 lakhs were sanctioned for tourism promotion in the State of Gujarat during Seventh Five Year Plan. The details showing names of the projects/schemes sanctioned during Seventh Five Year Plan in the State of Gujarat alongwith amount sanctioned, amount sanctioned, amount released and the places where projects are located with their status of execution are given in the statement.

Statement

Projects/Schemes sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan

GUJARAT

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/Scheme	Year of Sanction	Year of Sanctioned	Amount Released	Status
1	Haveli cottages at Ahmedpur Mandvi Beach . . .	1985-86	21.02	15.00	Completed
2	Cafetaria at Dwarka . . .	Do.	6.28	5.00	In Progress
3	Cafetaria at Somnath . . .	Do.	5.00	4.50	Completed
4	Const. of 25 beach cottages Nargole, Bulsar district . .	Do.	30.17	25.00	In progress
5	Yatri Niwas at Dakor . .	Do.	41.20	35.00	Do.
6	Wayside facilities at Limbdi .	Do.	6.46	5.50	Completed
7	Highway facilities at Ankleshwar	1986-87	35.84	33.00	Do.
8	Mini buses for Sasangir . .	Do.	13.00	13.00	Purchased
9	Promotion of fairs and festivals .	Do.	6.38	6.38	Completed

1	2	3	4	5	6
10	Cafetaria at Patan . . .	1987-88	4.25	3.50	Completed
11	Cottages at Tithal . . .	1988-89	12.62	11.00	In progress
12	Const. of dormitories at Pavagarh	Do.	14.76	13.76	Completed
13	Kite festival, Ahmedabad . .	Do.	3.50	3.50	Do.
14	Const. of 5 'A' type and 'B' type cottages at Saptara Hill Resort	1989-90	15.00	10.00	In Progress
15	Wayside amenities at Rajkot .	Do.	16.50	5.00	Do.
16	Kite festival	Do.	4.25	4.25	Comleted
17	National Youth Mela. . .	Do.	0.10	0.10	Do.
	TOTAL .		237.29	193.49	

Operation of Lufthansa Airlines

6919. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious threat being faced by Air India by efforts of Lufthansa Airlines to operate a few flights to Madras, thereby jeopardizing the interests of Air India;

(b) whether it is a fact that a delegation from Lufthansa Airlines is scheduled to meet the Prime Minister to finalise the deal;

(c) whether the proposal of the Lufthansa has already been cleared by Government or is awaiting clearance. and

(d) what steps Government proposed to take to safeguard the interests of Air India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between India and Germany on 10.5.1994 which inter-alia permits Madras and Calcutta as additional points of call to the designated carrier of Germany. Air India has also been granted Berline and one more point of their choice in Germany as additional points of call on a reciprocal basis.

Flights in North Eastern States and on uneconomic routes

6920. SHRI MATANG SINH:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 3090 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) what is the time frame under which the operation of flights in North Eastern States and on uneconomic routes will be completed; and

(b) the facilities alongwith the names of the airprots, available in North Eastern States and the quantum of air traffic, alongwith airfare charged for each?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) After private operators will become scheduled air transport operators in accordance with prescribed guidelines, they will have to